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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - AIRPORT SECURITY

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1. INFORMATION FROM U.S. AIRLINE REPS INDICATES GAP IN SECURITY AT HONG KONG AIRPORT IN RESPECT TO ALL 8 POINTS PER REFTEL B. INDUSTRY SEES URGENT NEED FOR ADOPTION OF STERILE CONCOURSE CONCEPT I.E. SCREENING OF ALL EMBARKING AND TRANSITING PASSENGERS ENTERING CONCOURSE NOT AT INDIVIDUAL GATES. THIS SYSTEM PROVIDES MUCH GREATER PROTECTION FROM TERRORIST ATTACK.

2. BEGIN FYI: AIRLINE REPS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT PLANNED UTILIZATION AT HONG KONG OF TORR XRAY EQUIPMENT FOR SCREENING CARRY ON BAGGAGE. THIS EQUIPMENT IS NOT ON LIST OF XRAY SYSTEMS WHICH MEET FAA CRITERIA PROVIDED AS GUIDANCE TO US AIR CARRIERS (CRITERIA BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY). THEY CLAIMED THAT HONG KONG AIRPORT AUTHORITIES ARE BEING ADVISED ON SECURITY MATTERS BY KEN BARNES OF CATHAY PACIFIC WHOSE EXPERTISE IN THIS
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FIELD THEY QUESTIONED. END FYI.

3. USING WHICHEVER ELEMENTS OR ELEMENT OF CONGEN BEST SUITED FOR PURPOSE, CONGEN, AT ITS DISCRETION IS REQUESTED TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO ENCOURAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON 8 POINTS IN PARA 1. ONCE INTEREST OF HONG KONG AUTHORITIES AROUSED,

CONGEN MIGHT SUGGEST VISIT OF FAA SECURITY EXPERT TO HONG KONG AS WELL AS VISITS OF HONG KONG OFFICIALS TO U. S. AS PART OF EXCHANGE OF KNOW HOW ON AIR SECURITY PROBLEMS.

4. DEPT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN CONSULATE'S VIEWS ON SECURITY AT HONG KONG AIRPORT INCLUDING BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO CRITERIA MENTIONED IN REFTTEL B. ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE BACKGROUND DATA ON KEN BARNES AND CONFIRMATION OR REFUTATION OF REPORTS (PARA 2). RUSH

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